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Q. Does the Department have any comment on press reports that the Argentine Government has abandoned plans to make a public accounting of the thousands of disappeared persons in that country, the reports also indicate the GOA is considering a decree that would protect military officers from prosecution for human rights abuses?

A: I have seen the reports, but I'm in no position to comment to comment on their accuracy. (As we have said before, accounting for the disappeared is a very important issue in Argentina and one which the Argentines themselves must resolve. We have consistently encouraged Argentine authorities to make available whatever information they may have to the families of missing people.)

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